Merry Christmas

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Broad Street

By HARLEY M. LEETE, JR.

First of all, let us pop that corny theory that "Christmas is for children." Christmas is for grownups, first, last and always. The pleasure adults get is from that bright dream-like glow in the eyes of the young ones, beats by miles the joy of the juveniles. They aren't old enough to know how much fun they're having.

Merry Christmas!

Down in black and white—or is it red and white—or red and green—anyhow, right down here for the record we want to do a little thanking and appreciating. There are the many fine merchants and business men whose support made this big issue of the Nugget possible: to them we are deeply grateful. And here in the shop the Nugget staff has labored long and hard to produce this 12 pages of red, green and white.

Merry Christmas!

John Isbell and R. M. (Bud) Van Dusen, our printers, Mary Isbell, our bookkeeper, and Donald Justin Rollins, printer's devil, have all put forth special effort to make this unusual edition a success. We wish too, to acknowledge the fine contribution, and editorial beginning with a short poem, by Adeline Merriam Conner of North San Juan. Floy Margaret Reynolds, versatile author of Nevada City Long Ago, went to a great deal of extra trouble to dig out the quaint story of bygone Chrstmas celebrations. And to H. M. Leete, Senior, for his valuable column, Thinking Out Loud, and editorial counsel, we are grateful.

Merry Christmas!

A sight to remember is the one pictured on this page: Ernie Young with the Santa Claus pack over his back and a crowd of youngsters around him. Whoever elected Ernie to the job picked THE Nevada Cityan best fitted by temperament to do a bang-up job of impersonation. If Santa had a mother (does he?) Ernie's a good enough double to fool her. And how the youngsters eat it up!

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Let us not lose sight of the many people who worked very hard that the light-hearted spirit of Christmas might pervade the community through the physical manifestations like wreaths and window decorations, and strings of lights and tinsel, and music, and large decorated trees, such as that on the National Hotel balcony. All those things took work, thought and planning, and the inspiration of the Christmas theme. Mony are those who deserve honorable mention in this respect, but three whose works were most conspicuous are Chamber of Commerce Secretary Si Sofge, Police Chief Max Solaro, and George Hansen, chairman of the baskets-for-the-needy program.

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Old man weather struck an odd note Tuesday afternoon when, after a relatively warm morning, a wave of damp and piercing cold struck the town. "Gets right into your bones," was the most frequently heard comment.

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ARMED ROBBER ACCOSTS WOMAN

GRASS VALLEY: Mrs. Jack Smith, Grass Valley Auto Court resident, complained to the police that an armed man approached her on South Auburn Street Monday night at 10 o'clock and pointed a gun at her, told her to hand over any money she had.

She began to scream and the man walked hurriedly away. Police Chief Frank Knuckey stated that this was the first report of armed prowlers in many months.

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FIRE HERO'S CONDITION IS SATISFACTORY

NEVADA CITY: Troy Hamlin, badly burned in the fire that destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Burley Cox near Wilson's Log Cabin in Yuba County Saturday and took the life of Mocher Cox, 5, was reported as in satisfactory condition in the Nevada County hospital.

His shoulders, head and face were burned severely, As he reentered the burning three-room cottage in an attempt to rescue his little nephew a ceiling beam fell across his shoulder. The roof caved in just as he reached the child's bed. He was unable to save the youngster.

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LEGION AUXILIARY PARTY

GRASS VALLEY: The American Legion Auxiliary were the guests of Mrs. Myrtle Lopes Friday evening, December 17th, at dinner and a Christmas party given in the Indian Mountain Ranch Resort.

Christmas festivities and exchange of gifts featured the evening. Formals were worn.

SCHEEMERS SELL SBAFFI PLAZA STORE

NEVADA CITY: Chester and Alice Scheemer will retire from business on January 1st, when, after 21 years of successful management, they sell their Plaza Grocery to John Sbaffi.

The Scheemers purchased the store from the late W. B. and Gove Celio in 1928. It is one of the city's most stable businesses, having changed hands only six times in 70 years.

Other than getting a good rest, no definite plans have been announced by Mr. and Mrs. Scheemer.

Sbaffi, who worked for the Scheemers for two years after graduating from high school, is an active fraternal leader here. He is at present Exalted Ruler of the Elks.

He was an accountant for the Lava Cap Gold Mining Corporation for six years. During the war he served in the North Africa, Cassino and Anzio campaigns and was honorably discharged as a captain.

Sbaffi has announced no changes in the policy of prompt service, delivery and customer consideration that has contributed to the Plaza's excellent business record through the years.

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SKIING GOOD FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

NEVADA CITY: Snow conditions have improved greatly during the past week and good skiing is now assured for the Christmas holidays, according to the Winter Sports Committee of the California State Chamber of Commerce.

Many skiers got off to a flying start last week-end and reported conditions exceptionally good. All resort areas are set to give the best of service. Tractor sleds and Weasels now are operating on schedule from Norden Station to the Sugar Bowl. From Soda Springs sleds are operating on schedule into Ice Lakes. At Truckee Hilltop Lodge two dog teams, some of the very few in the state, are taking non-skiing visitors on trips into the forest.

At Lassen Volcanic National Park the road, parking areas and hills are in fine shape, with the tow scheduled to operate this week-end. All facilities will be ready by December 26.

The Yosemite Ski School will open at Badger Pass Friday, December 17, with the skating rink and tobogganing expected to be in operation in the Valley by December 20.

Sonora Pass Vacationland, Inc. reports skiing facilities in splendid shape and the skating rink and toboggan slide at Long Barn in operation.

Johnsville, the "Cradle of Skiing in the United States," reports tows operating and Weasels ready to transport skiers to even deeper snows should the occasion demand.

Word from Camp Connell and the Calaveros Grove of Big Trees, along the Ebbetts Pass Highway, advises that everything is in readiness for skiers.

The Kings Canyon and Sequoia National Parks Company is taking over the skating rink, which will be in operation this week-end.

Snow depths and road information, as reported by the Winter Sports Committee of the California State Chamber of Commerce, as of Thursday, December 16, compiled from wire and telephone reports from private resorts, the National Forests and National Parks. Depths reported are depths on the ski hills and not on level ground. No matter which roads are reported clear, it is essential that chains be carried by every car at this time of year. Condition of snow is not reported because of constant change, and ski wax will take care of any kind of snow encountered.

Highway 40, Donner Summit: Emigrant Gap, 41 in., good; Yuba Gap, 60 in., good; Auburn Ski Club, Cisco, Rainbow, 60 in.; Soda Springs, 60 in., J-Bar and rope tows operating; Ice Lakes, 65 in., rope tows operating; Sugar Bowl, 60 in., chair lift, rope tows operating; Donner Ski Ranch, 60 in., T-Bar, rope tows operating; Tahoe City, 42 in., tows operating.

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DIVORCE

KECK—In Nevada City, December 17, 1948, Nellie Keck against Harry F. Keck; suit filed; desertion.

Santa Claus, accurately impersonated by Ernest Oliver Young, distributes Yuletide largess to an eager throng of youngsters at Broad and Pine. Above his head are tinsel Christmas garlands which sparkle in daylight and reflect the many-colored glow of little lights at night. In the background is the Nevada City Radio Electric sound truck, providing a gay musical backdrop for Santa's philanthropic mission. All these activities are work of the Chamber of Commerce.—Sierra Photo Service picture.

RADCLIFFE HOME WINS CHRISTMAS DECORATION PRIZE

GRASS VALLEY: Judges of residential and business Christmas decorations ended their work just after midnight Wednesday. They agreed that Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Radcliffe's Ridge Road home, with its "Christmas Church" standing in the garden, was a first for residences.

First among the business house windows was Toni Harpe's real estate office at Mill and Main Streets. Second place among residences was won by Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Barngrover, with a colorful Santa Claus, life size, standing in a doorway. The residence is in Alta Vista Pines. Third place went to Miss Nina Moran, 227 South Church Street, where a large window framed in holly provides the setting for a handsome lighted Christmas tree. Fourth place was won by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Williford of West Main Street, where a beautifully lighted Christmas tree stands within a great wreath of cedar branches.

This contest was sponsored by Gross Valley Business and Professional Women. The Grass Valley Lions Club, sponsoring business house decorations awarded the trophy cup to Miss Toni Harpe. Her window featured the carol Noel worked out in music with a general Christmas display. Bert's drygoods store won second place.

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ELMER STEVENS HEADS MARCH OF DIMES

GRASS VALLEY: Governor Earl Warren, honorary chairman of the March of Dimes appeal for infantile paralysis funds, has named Elmer Stevens chairman of the campaign which opens in Nevada City January 1th.

Stevens, stressing the need for generous support this year, said that during 1948 the disease took more than twice the toll nationally that was recorded in 1947. In California, there was almost seven times the number of persons afflicted as in 1947.

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STAR HUNG ON BROADVIEW HEIGHTS

GRASS VALLEY: The A. F. of L Carpenters and Painters Union have hung a star atop Broadview heights between two trees and 20 feet from the ground.

The star, 16 feet in diameter, shone for the first time Friday night. It is visible from all sections of Grass Valley.

Yes, Virginia...

ED. NOTE: Back in 1897, little Virginia O'Hanlon wrote the following letter to the editor of the New York Sun: "I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, 'If you see it in The Sun it's so.' Please tell me the truth—is there a Santa Claus?" The editor wrote a newspaper and literary classic in reply to this childish plea. It is reprinted here.

"Yes, indeed!

"Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age—they do not believe except what they see—they think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds.

"All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little.

"In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus.

"He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

"Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies!

"You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they do not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus—the most real things in the world are those neither children nor men can see.

"Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there—nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders that are unseen and unseeable in the world.

"You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, or even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside the curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond.

"Is it all real?—ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

"No Santa Claus! Thank God!—he lives, and he lives forever—a thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

YULETIDE CELEBRATION TO BE THE GAYEST IN MANY YEARS

NEVADA CITY: A gala Christmas spirit has this week taken complete command of Nevada City. Santa Claus patrols the streets daily, handing awestruck youngsters bags of candy and peanuts. Gay carols and sweet hymns ring out on the streets.

Overhead, magnificent tinsel ribbons tie the town in a cheery silver package. At night the glow if hundreds of colored lights makes it a Yuletide carnival.

Three giant stars, one atop Sugar Loaf, another on the Court House, a third at Commercial and Pine, shine each night in commemoration of the star at Bethlehem. Elza Kilroy's famous cross glows nightly from Lost Hill, and the great Sequoia Gigantea in Paul Bergemann's front yard is festooned with brilliant strings of light.

The streets are thronged by busy Christmas shoppers and even the police department is passing out Christmas greetings instead of parking tickets.

These jolly evidences of merry Christmas spirit are in large part due to the work of the Nevada City Chamber of Commerce, in co-operation with Chief of Police Max Solaro. Santa Claus (alias Ernest Young), the music, the street decorations, Bergemann's tree, and the three stars are all projects of the chamber.

The expense of these activities has been borne by chamber funds plus small standard contributions ($3) by business houses. A pay-as-you-go policy instituted by Secretary Harry F. Sofge enabled him to announce that all Christmas expenses have already been paid.

George Hansen, in charge of the annual baskets-for-the-needy program, announces that the community's generosity has been most clearly evidenced. The campaign was a complete success. Food donations, by customers in grocery stores, by wholesale bakery, and supply houses, were far greater than last year, and amounted to two truck loads.

Co-operation, said Hansen, was perfect. Customers putting coins in boxes in stores, plus contributions from many civic and fraternal organizations, totaled over $500. One wholesale firm contributed 75 pounds of peanuts.

Final work in the activity will be the making up of about fifty bountiful family Christmas dinners, with ample to spare. Each family box will include at least one chicken, and for large families, there will be as many as three.

Largest single donation was from the Nevada City High School, which, following their "White Christmas" contest, collected more than 1,500 pounds of food.

The tallest and most beautiful Christmas tree in Northern California is Bergemann's Sequoia Gigantia, according to Sofge. It stands 109.94 feet high, and is decoroted with 8 strings of 25 Christmas lights. Max Solaro strung the lights, which total 289.

Merry Christmas!

SANTA TAKES OVER POLICE DEPARTMENT

NEVADA CITY: The Nevada City police department and city council are presenting unusual Christmas gifts to motorists who overpark.

When a car is found before an "expired" meter a card is left under the wiper, saying that the officer making the discovery had deposited a nickel in the meter, and asking the car owner to come to police headquarters and pay the nickel so the officer could continue to spread Christmas cheer. The card is signed by Chief of Police Max solaro and all the members of his force, and by the mayor and members of the city council.

Solaro reported yesterday that co-operation by citizens receiving the red and green tags has so far been 90% perfect. This is in contrast to reports from Bay Area communities which have received less than 10% returns from the same system.

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SANTA COMES BY AIRPLANE

GRASS VALLEY: The police estimated that 1500 children crowded into the area at the junction of Main and Mill Streets Monday afternoon to greet Santa Claus after he arrived by airplane, piloted by George Endter.

Santa Claus quickly transferred his bags of candy, oranges, balloons and nuts from the plane to a bright red fire engine, which presently came roaring down Main Street with sirens open.

Police were called to keep the throng of children in order. The younger tots were given preference but the older boys and girls pressing around the outer rim of the crowd caused a real need for order. Finally the little ones were lined up and received their bags of Christmas goodies.

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CAROL CHOIR IN WORLD BROADCAST

GRASS VALLEY: The Grass Valley Carol Choir gave its second concert Wednesday evening in Bethel Church, Assembly of God. The first was in the Emmanuel Episcopal Church two weeks ago.

On Christmas Day the choir will sing from the Del Oro Theater stage and the songs will be broodcast throughout the United States and by short wave it will reach countries abroad. Last year when this was done the choir received many letters, some of them from Cornwall, England, praising the choir and voicing their joy at hearing second and third generations of Cornish voices raised in choruses so well known in Cornwall.

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Postal Receipts More Than Last Year

GRASS VALLEY: Roy Terrell, Grass Valley Postmaster, reports that postal receipts for 1947 amounted to $69,596.11 as against $70,168.30 so far in 1948 with more than a week to go in 1948.

A stamp vending machine, one of the few distributed on an experimental basis, has been installed in the post office.

The postmaster said that in 1932 total receipts were $32,000 whereas this year they will run well over $70,000.

Christmas Long Ago

Floy-Margaret Reynolds

The Christmas trees of 1861. The churches of town, all of them that have finished edifices, gave the little folks excellent treats. The Methodists had, as usual, a fine tree loaded down with the tributes of affection from old to young and from young to young. The distribution appeared to be satisfactory. All the little ones got something. The same may be said of the Congregational and Baptist Churches. The Catholics had a gilded tree, and the children were delighted with their presents upon it. Last evening was a happy one for the rising generation.—Transcript.

Merry Christmas!

And on the same evening: A mule belonging to Flagg and Mills fell in a well on Spring Street in Nevada City on Christmas eve. The well is a deep one, but the mule in descending lodged when about twenty feet from the surface. After remaining in the uncomfortable place a couple of hours he was drawn out by means of ropes. The animal is not much hurt—just stiffened a little.—Transcript.

Merry Christmas!

Grand Social Ball 1861: The party to be given at the Temperance Hall in Nevada City Christmas eve promises to be the grandest affair ever given in this section of the country. This ball is gotten up for the purpose of having a glorious time on Christmas evening. There will be a large gathering, the elite of Nevada, and the entire receipts will be appropriated in enhancing the pleasure of all present. The best music that could be obtained has been engaged. The supper will be one of Mrs. Blum's best, and it will be magnif. The managers

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Christmas Joy

is our wish for our subscribers, advertisers, printing customers, and the many friends with whom we have had the pleasure of doing business in 1948.

HARLEY M. LEETE, Jr.
and the staff of the

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"Christmas Train" Gets Quarter Million Dollars In Farm Products

SAN FRANCISCO: Nearly a quarter of a million dollars worth of agricultural products have been donated to the Christian Rural Overseas Program for its Christmas Train, it was announced recently by Stuart Pratt, State Director for the nationwide Christian project.

The California CROP program, looking forward to the Christmas statewide dedication on December 25th, with the help of all Christian faiths throughout the state, has gathered fifty railroad cars of farm products to be sent to 43 countries which they serve.

"Reports are not yet in from all the counties participating in the campaign," says Pratt, "and it is quite probable there will be and even greater number of cars by the time Christmas actually rolls around."

Twenty-five agricultural counties of California are conducting campaigns for fruits, cotton, dairy products, grains, livestock, beans and citrus concentrates, and all contributions will be assembled into carloads to make up the Christmas train.

According to Pratt, the northern counties, are so far, leading in contributions and cash donations. Tulare County alone has gathered ten carloads of oranges, cotton and beans, and hopes to have at least two more carloads by Christmas.

The thinly populated county of Colusa has donated $4,000 in cash to the CROP program, which will be converted into needed food.

In Sacramento County, Elk Grove, a town of 500 people, leads in the drive—having pledged a carload of grains and fruits; and in Winton, Merced County, one small church raised over $1,000 for the CROP campaign.

Other counties who have reported contributions ranging from one to five carloads of foodstuffs are Yolo, Modoc, Sutter, Ventura, Riverside, Orange, Monterey, Napa, San Benito, San Diego, San Joaquin, San Mateo and Sonoma. These counties will all hold dedication ceremonies preparatory to shipping their carloads to state headquarters around Christmas Day.

CROP Christmas trains, which are being assembled in 23 states, are sponsored by the Christian Rural Overseas Program, which is supported nationally by Catholic Rural Life, Church World Service and Luthern World Relief. Its purpose is to supply gifts in kind from Christian farm people of America to rural families overseas suffering from starvation.

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I can easier teach twenty what were good to be done, than be one of the twenty to follow mine own teaching.—Shakespeare.

Experimental Work In Ultrasonic Vibrations

SCHENECTADY, N. Y.: Ultrasonic sound vibrations, now the subject of broad scientific research, may in the future be used to help do the chores around the farm, according to Arthur H. Hemker, Hilltop Road, manager of the Farm Industry Division of the General Electric Apparatus Department. He spoke recently on the General Electric Farm Forum.

Mr. Hemker said on the WGY-WGFM program that ultrasonic vibrations may be used to homogenize milk. Further use of ultrasonics may be in the modification of seeds to make them grow more rapidly, he continued.

Mr. Hemker pointed out that experiments are being conducted which may produce a farm implement capable of keeping farm water pure all year. Heart of this device, he said, would be the germicidal lamp, known to have tremendous power in killing air-and water-borne bacteria.

Infra-red heat waves, it is predicted, will come more and more into use in making farm work easier.

Mr. Heinkes also pointed out the many ways electrical tools are helping to simplify farming.

Resort Owners Rents In Forest Go Up

NEVADA CITY: Robert Hartmann, assistant supervisor of the Tahoe National Forest, explained this week the reason for the increase in rentals of resort property which goes into effect January 1st.

He pointed out that for many years fees paid the government by resort owners have not approximated those paid by private home owners in the forest. Sometime since an investigation was ordered on a nation-wide basis. The raise now ordered was based on the result of the studies made during the investigation.

Local Women Suffer Minor Accidents

NEVADA CITY: Mrs. Walter A. Carlson, wife of the county superintendent of schools, is confined to her home with a broken ankle suffere when she slipped on the icy cement approach to her home.

Mrs. Howard Penrose, wife of the postoffice assistant, is suffering from a cracked shoulder blade resulting from a fall over a garden wall while riding a bicycle.

BUILD NEVADA COUNTY

Neighbors Of Woodcraft Christmas Party

NEVADA CITY: Mrs. Peggy Byers of Woodcraft Christmas Party was chairman of the Neighbors party held last Sunday evening in I. O. O. F. hall here. Candy and nuts and oranges were distributed to the children as well as gifts.

Taking part in the program were Dale and DeAnne Leong, Vickie Lilja, Jimmy Danas, Sharon Cullen, Judy Gwilliam, Claire Saunce and Kenny Baker.

May your Christmas cup be filled to over-flowing with health and happiness this glorious Yuletide.

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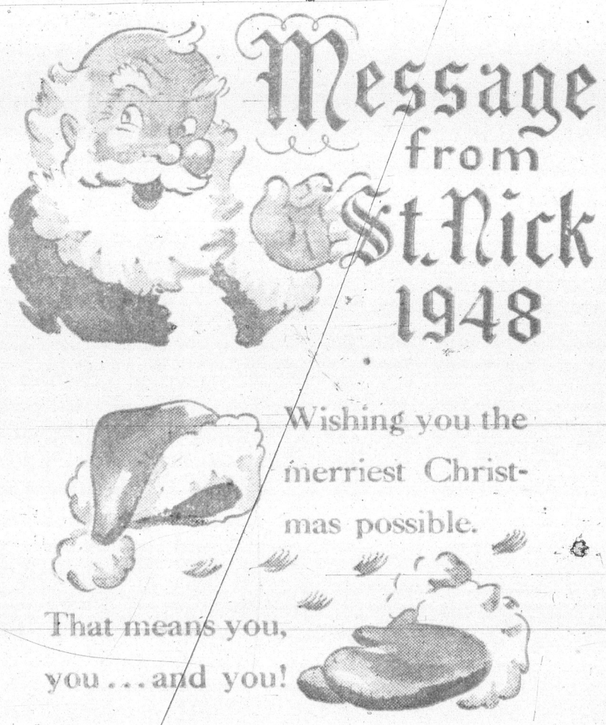

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DON'T LET DEATH TAKE YOUR HOLIDAY

Four hundred and twenty-nine deaths in 21 days. That is the California Christmas traffic fatality record over three-day periods of December 23, 24 and 25 for the years 1941 through 1947.

Every one of these deaths, together with thousands of injury cases, occurred at a time when peace and joy should prevail.

Not a pretty picture, is it?

And yet it may come home to us again with full force within a few days unless we take steps to avoid it. Safety is such a personal matter that none of us can escape responsibility for our actions as drivers or pedestrians.

Experts tell us there are only a few principal causes of traffic accidents and they all have to do with driver behavior. Driving too fast for conditions, mixing liquor with gasoline, improper passing, and violation of right-of-way rules head the list.

Throughout California today we hear the cry: "Don't Let Death Take Your Holiday," and the emphasis is on **your.** It is a message directed to you and you alone. Heed it and enjoy Christmas. Ignor it and you may be a statistic instead of a living person on Christmas.

Just Wonderin'

I Wonder as sweet music steals
Through the dim corridors of night,
And dreamers wake to sing again
The olden songs of pure delight;
How earth responds to chiming bells
And feels once more the old time thrill,
And answers with the heavenly song,
Peace upon earth, to men good will.

Christmas is with us once again and even as we hear the old, old songs, see the twinkling multi-colored lights, and repeat the familiar salutations, the miracle takes place about us.

Through the year, we dream of a better world to be, a world of friendly relationships, peace and co-operation; we envision a time when war shall be no more, when all men shall be as brothers and the spirit of good will shall guide our thought and direct our actions. Will such a time ever come? Sometimes we doubtingly answer, "no," then Christmas comes and suddenly we find ourselves in the world of our dreams, bigotry and intolerance and hate, are for the time submerged and all about us are the forces of fellowship and good will seem to have come to hold sway.

This is the miracle of Christmas; it transforms even the grouchiest Scrooge among us and while the bright lights shine and the Christmas carols ring in our ears, we are as little children and join in the festive joys in the spirit of kindliness and good will, which may sometime linger with us through the year.

In the deserts of southern California and in sheltered coigns of the coastal hills, there grows a strange, unlovely plant, commonly known as the yucca, sometimes erroneously designated as the century plant. The Spaniards called it "vale de Dios," the candle of God. For a period of several years, it produces nothing but coarse repellant leaves, which are utterly devoid of beauty and are spiked defensively against the encroachments of any animal which might wish to feed upon them. Suddenly, from the midst of these coarse, stiff leaves, there arises a woody shaft or stem, which attains the height of ten, twelve or more feet, the miracle happens. Beautiful waxen bells adorn the towering stalk and no more lovely sight can be seen among the desert hills, than the candle of God in the fullness of its bloom.

I think of Christmas as the blossom time of the year. Although we may have given its coming some thought in advance of the event, never the less, it seems to come upon us ere we are aware and its work of transformation is irresistible. All of a sudden we find that our better emotions and finer sentiments have truly awakened. We stand as though within the circle of a great light, where we are enabled to see true values of life and are constrained to think and act accordingly.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if life could be lived always at the present level? Wouldn't it be beautiful if peace and good will would take over and the Christmas spirit would rule our world for aye? Let us spend this Yuletide season with these queries in our hearts and let us determine that we will do our best to make the miracle of peace and good will ever lasting.

Yet, Christmas is the blossom time of all the year and may the blessed salutation, Merry Christmas, ring out far and near. May Peace and Good Will come into all hearts and animate the thougghts and actions of all men.

Adeline Merriam Conner.

LOOKING AHEAD

By GEORGE S. BENSON
President—Harding College
Searcy, Arkansas

An American's Faith

This year at the commencement exercises of Harding College a notable address was delivered. It was no ordinary speech. The burden of its message was so significant and the appeal so earnest, that I wish the audience had been many times larger. I am therefore taking this method of passing to you a portion of this solid and thoughtful address. It was made by Mr. Lamar Fleming, Jr., of Houston, Texas.

"This historic responsibility is new to us. . . . But those who view accomplishments in the atomic laboratories and the development of other terrible means of destruction must recognize that no one on earth longer has the power to decide whether he will live alone. That power of decision has passed to those who are evil enough to . . . use terrible new weapons for their evil designs—unless mankind combines to prevent them from so doing.

Our Call from Destiny

"If we accept that, being sons of God, we are brothers to all Mankind, and that we are the only nation strong enough to lead Mankind to combine for suppression of violence and recovery of Peace, we cannot reject the role to which our Destiny calls us. We will cherish the memory of more placid days, when this responsibility was not upon us, but we cannot reject our Destiny.

"We must enter this role in humility, conscious of our shortcomings and determined to overcome them to the best of our ability. We must search our souls. We must do more than conquer the resistance to truth which springs from our animal instincts. We must chastise all who seek to inflame and prey upon our group grievances, greeds, and hatreds. We must remind ourselves constantly that our duty of human brotherhood is no less to distant peoples . . . than to our neighbors in our home towns.

Men of Good Will

"We must realize that peace and well-being will not return to them nor remain with us unless we achieve the ability to work together in a brotherly and mutually helpful company, each placing the common good above the greeds and ambitions of any person, group, or nation. We must include . . . peoples temporarily prevented from co-operation toward the common good and must pray for the day when their chains will be removed and they will be free to join our company.

"Above all, we must require of this great undertaking that it function by the standards of millions of individual consciences, which are the communion of sons and daughters with their Spiritual Father—not by group, party, or national ethics, in which conscience gives way to animal instincts, fears, and passions of the herd, and responsibility is spread so thin that no one feels it as his own. This calls for a profound spiritual revival—in us, and in all men and women of good will.

Well of Goodness

". . . I have faith that all men and women everywhere have something in common between them, that is fundamentally good, and that time and great effort and patience will restore the mutual flow of this goodness and understanding between them, not merely in your lifetime but also in mine. . . . I have great faith that the well of goodness in the Americans of your generation will be full enough to start the mutual flow."

MARRIAGE LICENSE

CARROLL-McNEIL — In Nevada City, December 18, 1948, William Gilbert Carroll, 27, and Bernice Lavina McNeil, 22, both of Oakland.

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MONAGHAN-JONES—In Nevada City, December 17, 1948, Bernard George Monghan, 26, and Marjorie H. Jones, 26, both of Grass Valley.

BIRTHS

WEARS—In Grass Valley, December 17, 1948, to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wears, a daughters.

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EASON—In Grass Valley, December 14, 1948, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Eason, a son.

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McCOY—In Grass Valley, December 14, 1948, to Mr. and Mrs. John McCoy, a daughter.

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HARPER — In Grass Valley, December 14, 1948, to Mr. and Mrs. Marlin Harper, a son.

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ADAMS—In Grass Valley, December 14, 1948, to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Adams, a daughter.

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LIVINGSTON—In Grass Valley, December 15, 1948, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Livingston, a son.

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YOUNG—In Grass Valley, December 15, 1948, to Mr. and Mrs. Claude Young of Tyler, Nevada County, a daughter.

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PRICE—In Nevada City, December 17, 1948, to Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Price of Grass Valley, a daughter.

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DAVEY—In Nevada City, December 15, 1948, to Mr. and Mrs. James Davey of Grass Valley, a son.

Invite your friends to visit Nevada County.

GOLD DIGGER'S TRAIL

Charles Scott Haley

Thousands of cattle, sheep anl llamas wandered over this grassy plain and grazed on the verdant hillsides to right and left. As we swung along the trail down the middle of the valley, I noticed an entire change in the appearance of the peons we met. No longer sandal-shod, but barefooted, and wearing in every case a black felt hat with the brim curled up like a flapjack caught on the edge of a frying pan, these people were much lighter skinned than the Quichuas to the north, and possessed a much more dignified bearing. The women were also much more comely.

That night we stopped at Anta with a relative of Senor Trelles, and were of course most hospitably received. At a table surrounded by some twenty-five members of the family, the center of attraction was the newly returned married daughter and her spouse, who had been in Chile for a year, I gathered. With Latin frankness, the entire family was chaffing her and her husband about the absence of a family; and the groom was explaining with the utmost good nature just why the fault could not have lain with him. No restraint was apparently felt by the presence of a guest, and a good time was evidently enjoyed by the entire assemblage.

The following morning found us in the middle of a motley crowd. Barefooted peasants plodded their sober way along amid troops of shouting arrieros and their cargo-laden mules. Blackrobed friars, usually well mounted, glided among them, with eyes fixed on open breviaries and lips moving steadily as they rode. Scurrying horsemen of all degrees and kind darted in and out through the throng about their various businesses, and the ever-present, patient-footed llamas, carrying their loads of rice and wheat, followed along the side in slow-moving trains behind one another.

A treat to the eye first beholding it, the ancient Inca capital of Cuzco unveils itself from the pass above. The brown roofs and white adobe walls of the ancient city with its cathedral towers gleaming in the sun, present a spectacle of beauty and impressive dignity which is only forgotten when one approaches within nostril distance of the place.

A city of forty thousand people, third city in size in Peru, and utterly without sanitary system or arrangement of any sort, Cuzco at that time was aptly named the dirtiest city in the world. A stench hung over the town to a height of about twelve feet six inches. This I know, on account of having a room on the ground floor of a hotel the first night and being unable to sleep for the odor which was constantly in my nostrils. The following day on moving to the second floor of another hotel, at the height above mentioned, I found atmospheric conditions which were bearable. At that elevation I stayed when business did not call me to lower levels. I arranged two days in advance at a local bath house for sufficient water to be heated so that I could take the first full bath that I had had in a month.

There were two small movie houses in the town even at that time, mostly showing silent films with French titles—probably original Pathe's. At my hotel, I met a couple of young Servians who had a small mine out about forty miles from the city.

Their mine was apparently making a little money, because they seemed to have little to do but lie around in the daytime and gamble and keep themeslves in a fine state of hilarity, although I never saw either one completely drunk. Dusan Ylich, the senior of the two, was a tall, blond Nordic who more or less directed the affairs of his partner, Franz Katafanovitch. They claimed that their property was very high grade and showed me many samples of rock which were half gold, to prove it. I think they had it in mind to sell me or interest me in some way or other in the property, for they insisted on buying me many drinks and asking me to go with them to the movies in the evening. Here I had excellent lingual practice, because they did not understand anything but Spanish besides their native Serbian, and it was my job to translate the French titles into Spanish for their benefit. As the changes of caption were very swift in the old silent days, I had no time to think in English, and had to get the thought into Spanish immediately. It was excellent practice.

The city is well known to tourists, largely because of the very fine Inca ruins of the fortress of Sacashuaman, which lies about a mile from its walls. Here I again marveled at the wonderful masonry. One stone of some thirteen tons in weight has about twenty odd sides, and so fine was the fitting of this granite block that without any trace of mortar, one can hardly see the joining lines with underlying stones in the wall.

I hunted up the local agency of the Casa Grace, which was the house of one Lomellini, a fine old Italian merchant . On presentation of my letters, he supplied me with sufficient funds to take me out to a station on the railway called Pucara—about half way to Juliaca, where the Cuzco railway joins the Bolivian line which connects at Puno, on Lake Titicaca. I did not draw an excessive amount of funds, because at Pucara I was to connect with the prospector who was to take me out to his placer mine for the examination, and his Lima partner had told Mr. Weatherbe theat he would furnish all funds for the examination expense.

Arrived at Pucara, I found my guide, one Jose Calmet by name. He was a white-mustachioed gentleman of about sixty-five, originally of French descent, and not over-active. He was supposed to have all arrangements made for my start into the interior so as to save my presumably valuable time. As a matter of fact, he did not even have enough horses to carry his and my outfit. I finally pinned him down and he informed me that his merchant friend had not sent him the money needed, but that he had wired to have the money sent into Sandia, about a hundred miles in the interior. In the mean time, I let him have what money I had drawn from Lomellini and we managed to get ready for the start.

There was no hotel in Pucara, and I was offered shelter by the station agent, who was apparently the local boniface. He gave me a cot in a little shack which was divided in two parts by a piece of sacking. The other part was occupied for the night by the station master's mother and his sister, a girl of about eighteen.

On Christmas Day, the entire population was drunk, and we planned to make our start the following day. That night I turned in early, to be awakened by a piercing shriek from the other part of the room. "Esto Gringo me mata! Esto Gringo me mata!" rang rang out again in ear-piercing tones which seemed to shake the roof. As the little translation of this is "This Yankee is killing me!" I woke up in a cold sweat, thinking that I was to be held on a blackmailing charge, with the younger woman to be the bait.

In the other part of the room, however, I could tell from the babel of voices that I was not even being considered. It seemed that the estimable lady's son, my friend the station master, had got drunk in the local cantina and had engaged in a fight with an American prospector who had happened to come in town over Christmas. In this exchange of amenities—in which no holds were barred—the Gringo had his eye partially gouged, and had retaliated by chewing his opponent's thumb nearly off. He had run home to his mother for consolation, and her remarks were induced by her harrowed mental state on beholding the extent of her son's injuries.

So I turned over with a sigh of relief and finished my slumbers.

In the morning we set out—seven sorry looking mangy mules and horses, headed by my guide Calmet. It must have been a singular looking procession. First, Calmet, about two hundred pounds weight, on a mule barely able to stagger under him. He was flanked on one side by a vessel of unmentionabl character in which he had stuck a huge head of cabbage, and on the other side by a very draggled umbrella. He carried an enormous horse-pistol and his poncho and blankets were in a roll behind him. The rest of us, including two Quichua servants, were strung out behind him, each of the two bodyguards leading a pack mule behind him.

The whole town was still drunk, and when we arrived at Azangaro, some twenty miles away, we found it in the same condition. Christmas marked the beginning of a general condition of intoxication in this country which was bounded in time by some two weeks and a half and in space by limits far beyond those of our journeyings.

At Azangaro, I had my first run-in with Calmet. Our lodgings consisted of a dirt floored, dobe walled single room hut, with two windows and a door. As I set up my cot and rolled into it, Calmet proceeded to hermetically seal the room by closing all the windows and the door. I promptly got up and opened one of the windows, and woke an hour later in a stifling atmosphere to find that my fat friend had closed it again. So we took turns all night in getting up alternately and closing and opening the window. In the morning my temper gave out, and I told him that hereafter he would have to provide separate lodgings for us both. After a long discourse in which he told me of the dangers of the night air when sleeping and the additional danger from chance robbers, I reiterated my stand, as neither of his arguments greatly impressed me. From this time on we had separate quarters, and I was spared the embarrassment of seeing him empty his unmentionable vessel and pack his cabbage into it in the morning without though of sanitary measures. He eventually had soup made of the cabbage, but I did not partake of it.

Food on our trip consisted largely of "chalones" —sheep carcasses split and dried in the sun—and "chunya"—potatoes frozen, and then dried. The former are used as pack covers. You throw them on the ground, chop off a corner with a hatchet, chuck it in the pot with a handful of "chunya", and, presto! when the water boils, dinner is ready.

The next few days might be described as an amphibian existence. In all of my experience in both Americas, I have never seen such rain. Riding along with rubber slickers and boots, it was as if someone was pouring a bucket of water over you all the time. Progress was necessarily slow, and we stopped at two or three haciendas—Campamento, Marvilles, and one other—before, on the last day of the year we straggled up the trail to Cuyocuyo, which is on the summit of the Cordillera Central on the Rio Poto, one of the headwaters of the Inambari river.

New Years Eve was anything but a season of rest. All night long we were kept awake by a howling procession of men, women and children of all ages and conditions from wrinkled crones to toddling babes, passing interminably around the streets wailing some drunken Quichua discord accompanied by a squealing fife and incessantly maddening drum thumping. The result was that, as we sat watching them through our door next morning, when two or three of the drunker peons attempted to invade my room, I felt great satisfaction in kicking them out bodily.

From here on the character of the country changed. Heavy with tropical growth and vegetation, the small farms and clearings ran thousands of feet up the mountain sides. Corn is the chief crop, and the land lies in terraced "andenes" clear up the slopes of the mountains. The following day we arrived at the little town of Sandia, where we were again in communication with the outside world.

We rested here for three or four days and gave

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HOLIDAY GREETINGS

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PLANE CRASH-LANDS, AIRMEN UNINJURED

GRASS VALLEY: Two unidentified men crash-landed their Cessna plane last Sunday in C. J. Bierwagen's wheat field. The wheels mired in the mud and the plane somersaulted on its back.

The men, it was ascertoined, were two GI program training students from Hayward. They were uninjured and hitch-hiked to Colfax where they boarded a bus for home. George Endter, of the Grass Valley Flying Service, yesterday received a telegram osking him to care for the plane which was but slightly damaged. It is believed the men were lost and ran out of gas during the prevalent foggy weather here.

In the Spirit of Friendship and Good Will we wish a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

RISLEY'S

106 North Pine Nevada City

Gold Digger's Trail

our beasts a chance to recuperate. The money which was expected by Calmet from Lima did not arrive, in spite of frantic telegrams from him to his backer. It looked as if we were doomed to abide here for the rest of my days, because we received no answer from Lima, and by this time we were both broke.

Such, however, was no part of my intention. I had the job to do, and intended to get on with it. I became acquainted with a little Chilean merchant by the name of Gallequillos, and explained my position. I gave him a mortgage on my saddle, blankets, beds and mounts, and borrowed enough money to hire the necessary trailcutters and packers to take us down the Inambari to the property which I was supposed to examine.

We started out finally down the river on the old San Juan Del Oro trail, which has been in use since pre-colonial times. It was in frightful condition. Many miles of it, made and paved with stones carried up from the river bottom below, with incalculable labor and patience, constitute the principal highway of the country. As little or no repairing has been done since the days when slaves worked the old mines, the road is full of mudholes and morasses through which it is impossible to lead your beast, much less ride him.

On the Inambari itself, this trail consists, for the most part of steps winding up the sides of the cliffs, made from rough slabs of stone about five hundred pounds to half a ton in weight. Your mule becomes of necessity something of a toe dancer, especially in wet weather, when the smooth surface of the stones is wet and slippery.

As the least eccentricity on the part of your mount is liable to precipitate you both into a boiling torrent some hundreds or even a thousand feet directly below you, it behooves one to ride constantly with the outer stirrup loose. In going up one of the zigzags behind the pack animals, I noticed that one animal was particularly unsure on its feet, and as he passed above us some fifteen feet, he commenced to slip. Down he came, flat on his back in the spot where my mule and I had been but a second before. There was nothing to do but watch him bounce down the cliff, equipment and pack flying right and left, until he dropped, back broken, into the muddy torrent five hundred feet below. We lost this and one other animal on our trip.

Coming up out of the gorge, we followed a winding trail across miles of grassy pampas covered with herds, to the hacienda of Aricoma. Here we rested for the night, and began again our ascent leading to the eastern side of the Cordillera. That night we passed at an elevation of some thirteen thousand feet, on the pampas near lake Aricoma. Next morning we dropped down into the gorge of the Yuncocuyo, another tributary of the Inambari. Here lie the ancient gravel deposits of the Apuroma and others—probably one of the largest deposits of alluvial gravel known in the world. Banks hundreds of feet high of perfectly rounded white quartz pebbles—containing not a little gold, as I tested with my pan—lay under the line of an ancient ditch which carried the water for fifty miles to drop it down where the Incas had used it for washing the gravels by what we know as ground sluicing.

Our way lay still further down the Yuncocuyo, and finally the trail stopped altogether, as the gorge dropped some two thousand feet below us. Far down the river, I could see a little cleared bar of gravel. This, my fat friend Calmet assured me, was the ground which I had come to see and report on.

Next morning, with the aid of the three "senderos" or trail cutters that I had hired in Sandia, I started the descent into the river bottom. Calmet stayed behind, as it was impossible for him to negotiate the cliffs. I doubt if he had ever been this close to the ground before when he denounced it for himself and his Lima partner.

After four hours of hard work we reached the river itself. The bar of gravel was on the other side, and half a mile farther down, so we had to work our way over slippery rocks and cliffs and water holes as best we could. Camera on back, I slipped off into the river once, and had to swim to the other side.

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Jesus' teaching and practice of Truth involved such a sacrifice as makes us admit its Principle to be Love.—Mary Baker Eddy.

God blesses still the generous thought,
And still the fitting word He speeds,
And Truth, at His requiring taught,
He quickens into deeds.
Whittier

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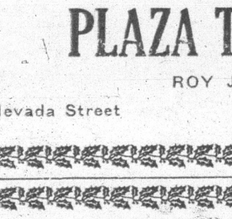

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1948

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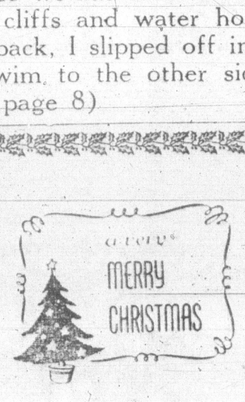

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NEVADA CITY: Fred LeRoy Clark, aviation electroniesman, secon class, USN, nephew of Mrs. E. E. Harter of Route 1, Nevada City, is serving aboard the aircraft carrier USS PRINCETON, a unit of Task Force 38, which is now undergoing an intensive training in the Western Pacific and China Sea area.

These exercises are being conducted for the purpose of giving officers and men of the task force realistic training in all phases of Naval activities. In addition to the training on shipboard, personnel familiarize themselves with the ports and peoples of foreign lands. Ports of call between training maneuvers, include Honolulu, Tsingtao, China, Yokosuka, Japan, and Guam.

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RENEE DePAULI LIGHTS XMAS STAR

GRASS VALLEY: Miss Renee DePauli, a student in the University of California, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Matt DePauli, arrived home Saturday night in time to throw the switch lighting for the first time the big aluminum star atop the 120-foot pine tree in the DePauli garden.

The star will be lighted every night throughout the holiday season. This is the first time in ten years te star has been lighted. Mrs. Alison Watt, former owner of the property, developed the project.

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Phi Epsilon Pi Christmas Party

GRASS VALLEY: A Christmas party, given by Lambda Chapter Phi Epsilon Pi, was held in the Lime Kiln home of Mr. and Mrs. Max Arnold last Saturday night.

The party was in honor of the members' husbands. The large playroom was handsomely decorated with candles, streamers and a large, beautifully adorned tree. There wos an open fire in the huge rock fireplace.

There was a revelation of secret sisters with Santa Claus and a surprise gift for Gravel Gertie (Mrs. Flossie Jasperson).

Attending the party were Messrs. and Mesdames John A. Brown, Shirley Brattin, Leroy Bend, Richord Harrison, Harry Johns, Stanley Clewett, Jens Jasperson, George Latin, William Pendola, George Thompson, Edward Thompkins, William Page, Edwin Abrahams, Lyle Maple, Jerry Girard, Arch Brooks, Miss Sue Valeschini, Manuel Cicogni, and Mr. and Mrs. Max Arnold.

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Business firms which cash checks for individuals are taking chances when they accept social security cards for identification. The cards are of value only in maintaining wage records to determine the amount of retirement and family insurance which workers earn.

Remains Of Mrs. Carrie Wren Sent To Missouri

GRASS VALLEY: The body of Mrs. Carrie Bell Wren of the Sunset district has been sent by Hooper and Weaver Mortuary to Neosho, Missouri, for interment.

Mrs. Wren had resided near Grass Valley for nine years. She was a native of Missouri where she was born 71 years ago. She was an expert gardener and was noted for keeping her home surrounded by flowers.

The deceased was the wife of Eugene Wren, a carpenter. She leaves her children, John L. Ridgway, and Mrs. Vern Schroeder, both of Missouri, Edgar Ridgway of La Mesa, San Diego County, and Mrs. Eliza Ross of New Orleans. She was a life long member of the Christian Church.

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NON-PROVIDER GETS 30 DAYS

NEVADA CITY: Arol Stromberg, having pleaded guilty to a charge of failure to provide, was sentenced by Judge James Snell to serve 30 days in jail minus time already served while waiting on the law delays. He was placed on two years probation and ordered to pay his family $80 a month.

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The men who succeed best in public life are those who take the risk of standing by their own convictions.—James A. Garfield.

PERSONALS

Misses Daisy Matthews and Ethel Colahan, registered nurses of Los Angeles, were guests of Miss Vivian Berggren over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Baker have removed to Los Angeles where Mr. Baker will be associated with a lumber firm.

Jack Underwood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Underwood of this city, Ken Slover, Don Halverstadt, Lynn Roath, Bud Schwartk and Jack Trentham, all of Grass Valley, who are being trained for the army in Memphis, Tennessee, are home for the holidays.

J. H. Hutchison is spending the holidays with his son, David R. Hutchison in San Francisco.

Mrs. Clara Phillips is spending the Christmas holidays with relatives in Sacramento.

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NEVADA CITY IN 1875

The Great Register of Nevada County of 1875 lists 7214 men of voting age, of whom 1351, or about 19 per cent, are listed as resident, in Nevada City.—H. P. D.

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Funeral Rites For Retired Farmer

GRASS VALLEY: Funeral services were held Monday afternoon in the Myers Mortuary Chapel for William Mejie, resident of Alta, who died Friday in a rest home on Empire Street. Rev. Frank Buck conducted the service. Interment was in Greenwood Cemetery.

Mejie was a retired farmer of North Dakota and had been a resident of Grass Valley for two years. He was aged 78 years. He leaves two daughters, Mrs. Fred Emery of Grass Valley and Mrs. Wilma V. Baker of Sacramento.

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The practices of good men are more subject to error than their speculations. I will, then, honor good examples, but endeavor to live according to good precepts. —Bishop Hall.

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Invite your friends to visit Nevada County.

THINKING OUT LOUD

By H. M. L., SR.

Did Lois Hardy have a hand in the murder of James W. McLain near Hirschdale, Nevada County, in July, 1947? Did she assist her husband, Joe Hardy, and witness Joe Hardy's discharge of three bullets through the victim's head?

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The only evidence of Lois' complicity in the crime is her own dramatic statement to Mrs. Dolley of Truckee, that she was embracing McLain, when she saw her husband approaching with a revolver in his hand. Joe Hardy hesitated as though reneging. According to his story she nodded her head emphatically for him to shoot. She turned McLain's face and eyes away from Joe with her hands and then Joe fired two bullets through the back of McLain's head, and finally when he sank to the ground, this assumably, another through his temples. When McLain was laboriously breathing his last, Lois told of a stick, with a rag wrapped around it, that was used as a gag. The rag and stick were not introduced as evidence.

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The testimony of Mrs. Dolley and the psychiatrists were the most damning of all the evidence offered. The jury was apparently impressed by his testimony. She was found guilty and sentenced to death.

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But let us consider a moment her situation. She was young, sentimental and neurotic. She professed to be much in love with her husband and, as well as she was able, probably was. She intended to share his punishment. The two confessions, not introduced in her case but introduced at Joe's trial, indicated that the confessions had been cooked up between them.

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But let us remember that no one testified he had seen her and Joe together, all the way from the point in the desert where McLain picked up the pair, to Reno, to Hirschdale, to Las Vegas, where they were arrested after an auto accident and lodged in jail. Even the inn-keeper at Hirschdale testified that Joe Hardy was alone when he came into the barroom and bought a glass of whiskey, presumably after the murder. Lois, according to the inn-keeper, was nowhere in sight. In view of her attachment for Hardy this may be significant.

* * *

No bullets were found in the ground where McLain was shot to death. Yet the bullets fired into the back of his head came out his forehead. Where did they go? Is it possible that McLain was ordered out of the car and marched up the trail where the wagon road ended, and was shot from behind, the bullets projecting into space?

* * *

No testimony was offered in corroboration of the defendant's "confession" that McLain attempted to assault Lois while Joe was away buying beer, on the night they stayed in a motor camp in Reno. The sheriff testified he was unable to find the camp. The identity of the three should have been comparitively easy to establish following a night in a public motor camp. Camp owners are usually required to keep a legal record of their guests. Was the murder done by Joe a matter of revenge for the assault or attempted assault, or merely for the purpose of robbing McLain of cash and car?

* * *

We believe it might make a difference in the minds of the jury if the story of McLain's alleged assault on Lois could be verified by some of their neighbors in the motor camp. But beyond the evidence of the "confessions" there is no evidence that they even stayed at a motor camp the night before the murder. Likewise beyond the verbal confession made by Lois to Mrs. Dolley, and verified by a stenographer who took notes outside her cell door, there is no evidence that Lois was present at the murder scene. The confessions signed by Hardy were rejected as evidence against her.

* * *

Confessions, we know, are generally looked upon with suspicion by peace officers and the legal fraternity. There have been thirteen confessions, all of them bogus, in the "Black Dahlia" murder case of Los Angeles. We believe it quite possible that verbal confession made by Lois to Mrs. Dolley, may have been and imaginary picture Lois had concocted of the murder. The psychiatrist who testified in her first trial declared she was a liar.

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At any rate, Lois is to have another trial. It may be that some of the questions evoked by a perusal of her testimony in her first trial will be answered in the second.

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CASTLES-MESSICK NUPTIALS

GRASS VALLEY: Helen Castles and Ira Messick were married in Reno, Nevada, Friday, December 17th. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. R. A. Warne of Union Hill and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Messick of the Newtown district. The happy couple will live on Bartlett Drive, Union Hill.

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The best of all the preachers are the men who live their creeds. —Edgar A. Guest.

LEGAL NOTICE

CITATION
No. 9115

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

In the Matter of the Adoption of LAURITA CLAUDINE STOVER, A Minor.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA:

To PAUL LESLIE STOVER:

By order of this Court you are hereby cited and required to appear before the Judge of this Court, in the Court House in the County of Nevada, State of California, at the Court Room, on the 4th day of March, 1949, at 10 o'clock A. M., then and there to show cause, if any you have, why said adoption should not be granted according to the petition filed herein.

WITNESS the Honorable Judge of said Superior Court of the State of California, County of Nevada.

ATTESTED by my hand and the seal of said Superior Court, this 29th day of November, 1948.

R. E. DEEBLE, County Clerk
By JOHN SBAFFI, Deputy

FRANK G. FINNEGAN,
Attorney for Petitioner
Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
No. 4913

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

IN the Matter of the Estate of CHRISTINA STEVENS, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the undersigned, as Executor of the estate of CHRISTINA STEVENS, Deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the said decedent to file them with the necessary vouchers within six months after the first publication of this notice in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Nevada, or to exhibit them, with the necessary vouchers, within six months after the first publication of this notice to said Executor, at the law offices of Frank G. Finnegan, Attorney at Law, 232 Broad Street, Nevada City, California, the same being the place of business in all matters connected with the estate of said CHRISTINA STEVENS, Deceased.

Dated this 9th day of December, 1948.

LLOYD V. SMITH,
Executor of the Estate of Christina Stevens, Deceased.

FRANK G. FINNEGAN
Attorney for Petitioner
Dec. 16, 23, 30, Jan. 6

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF ESTRAY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Max Solaro did on the 21st day of November, 1948, seize and confine in Nevada City, California, at City Pound thereof, one brown mare, no brand, saddle-marked, age nine years, white spot on forehead, weight 1000 pounds, of the value of $75.00.

One bay mare, no brands or saddle marks, age three years, weight 1,000 pounds, of the value of $75.00, and said animals will be sold after thirty days from date hereof unless owner calls, identifies and re-possesses said animals according to the law.

MAX SOLARO
Dec. 16, 23, 30, Jan. 6

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
No. 4906

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

In the Matter of the Estate of MARY E. WANAMAKE, also known as MAMIE WANAMAKE, Deceased

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the undersigned, as Administrator of the estate of MARY E. WANAMAKE, also known as MAMIE WANAMAKE, Deceased, to the Creditors of and all persons having claims against the said decedent to file them with the necessary vouchers within six months after the first publication of this notice in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Nevada, or to exhibit them, with the necessary vouchers, within six months after the first publication of this notice to the said Administration at the law offices of Frank G. Finnegan, Attorney at Law, 232 Broad Street, Nevada City, California, the same being the place of business in all matters connected with the estate of said MARY E. WANAMAKE, also known as MAMIE WANAMAKE, Deceased.

Dated this 26th day of November, 1948.

LEW E. WANAMAKE
Administrator
FRANK G. FINNEGAN
Attorney for Administrator
Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
No. 4917

In the Matter of the Estate of GIUSEPPE MOSCATELLI, also known as JOE MOSCATELLI, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN by the undersigned, Pete Moscatelli as administrator of the estate of Giuseppe Moscatelli, also known as Joe Moscatelli, deceased, to the Creditors of and all persons having claims against the said decedent to file them with the necessary vouchers within six months after the first publication of this notice in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Nevada, or to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers within six months after the first publication of this notice to te said administrator at the law offices of Wm. J. Cassettari, 123 East Bank Street, Grass Valley, California, the same being the place of business in all matters connected with the estate of said Giuseppe Moscatelli, also known as Joe Moscatelli, Deceased.

Dated December 17, 1948.

PETE MOSCATELLI,
Administrator of the estate of Giuseppe Mosca-Moscatelli, Deceased.

First Publication, December 23, 1948.

WM. J. CASSETTARI,
Attorney for Administrator.
Dec. 23, 30, Jan. 6, 13

LEGAL NOTICE

SUMMONS
No. 9102

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

ANCHO ERIE MINING CO., a corporation,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

HARRY W. OVERMAN, FRED L. MORRIS, ANCHO MINING & MILLING COMPANY, a corporation, ANCHO GOLD MINING COMPANY, a corporation, YELLOW TIGER CONSOLIDATED MINING COMPANY, a corporation, also all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real property described in the complaint adverse to plaintiff's ownership or any cloud upon plaintiff's title thereto,

Defendants

Action brought in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Nevada, and the Complaint filed in the office of Clerk of said County of Nevada.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA SEND GREETINGS TO:

Harry W. Overman, Fred L. Morris, Ancho Mining & Milling Company, a corporation, Ancho Gold Mining Company, a corporation, Yellow Tiger Consolidated Mining Company, a corporation, also all other persons unknown, claiming any right title, estate, lien or interest in the real property described in the complaint adverse to plaintiff's ownership, or any cloud upon plaintiff's title thereto, Defendants.

You are hereby notified that an action has been commenced against you in the above entitled court by the above entitled plaintiff for the purpose of determining all adverse claims to and clouds upon the title to all that certain real property situate in the County of Nevada, State of California, particularly described as follows:

The Edison Quartz Lode Mining Claim, being Lot No. 64, embracing a portion of Section 21 Township 18 North, Range 11 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian, being more particularly described in the Patent from the United States of America to George Mainhart, dated December 16, 1896, recorded April 26, 1900, in Book 4 of Patents, at page 29.

You are hereby directed to appear and answer the complaint in an action entitled as above, brought against you in the Superior Court of the County of Nevada, State of California, within ten days after the service on you of this summons—if served within this county; or within thirty days if served elsewhere.

You are hereby notified that unless you appear and answer as above required, the said plaintiff will take judgement for any money or damages demanded in the complaint as arising upon contract, or plaintiff will apply to the court for any other relief demanded in the complaint.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Nevada, this 3rd day of September, A. D. 1948.

R. E. DEEBLE
Clerk
By JOHN SBAFFI
Deputy Clerk

(seal)

WM. J. CASSETTARI,
Attorney for Plaintiff
Dec. 9, 16, 23, 30

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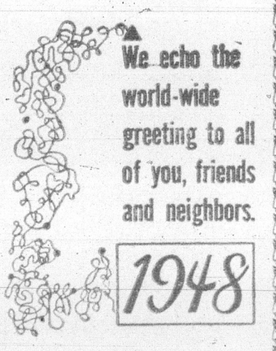

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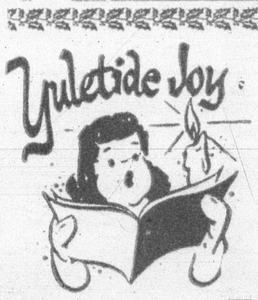

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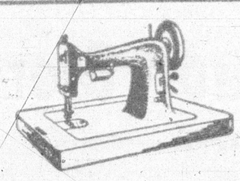

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Finally we arrived at our objective. I took my camera apart and left it to dry in the sun, which fortunately had come out for a little time, and went to look the ground over.

The gravel showed some colors, and if it had lain near civilization, there might have been enough material to keep a small crew of men at work for not to exceed three months before it was worked out. And this was the wonderful property for which they wanted equipment and engineers brought from London, and which they were willing to sell for a mere half million dollars in cash!

Weary and disgusted, I picked up my Brunton and my camera, and crossed the river. After another four hours of hard climbing back up the bank, I came out where Calmet was waiting, and without a word, climbed on my beast and started for Sandia. This was what I had spent about two thousand dollars of Weatherbe's money for and two months of travel in the jungles—because an old reprobate had combined with an unscrupulous merchant in Lima to try and sell this worthless property to, an unsuspecting Englishman, who had taken them both at their word. The Lima merchant was not out anything but his promise to pay the cost of the examination, which so far had been worthless. Calmet was not out anything, because he had never even been to the property and had denounced it because he thought it was too inaccessible ever to be examined by an engineer.

It took three days to get back to Sandia, along the same execrable trail. During these summer months —December to February—the rains are so frequent as to be almost incessant. The government of Peru has placed "tambos"—small thatched roofs set on poles—for the use of travelers. Arrived at one of these, one usually finds it full of Indians, perched all over the place like chickens on a roost in a thunderstorm. For all practical purposes, it is much better to carry a small water proof tent with one, as was my custom.

(To be continued)

CHRISTMAS LONG AGO

(Continued from Page 1)

of this Ball are a capital set of fellows and will have everything done up in A No. 1 style.—Transcript.

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The Glee Club Party 1866: Temperance Hall in Nevada City was crowded to its utmost on Christmas eve on the occasion of the Social Party given by the German Glee Club. Over two hundred persons were present. The music, under the lead of George Edmonds, was excellent. All present enjoyed themselves greatly and the dance was kept up until a late hour. The club did all in their power to make their guests happy and they succeeded. —Transcript.

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The Christmas trees of 1866: Notwithstanding the stormy weather on Christmas eve, all the churches in Nevada City had a distribution of presents. The Methodist Church was crowded at an earlyhour and after singing by the school and the reading of an address by Santa Claus, the presents with which the tree was weighted down, many of them of great value, were distributed. At the Catholic Church the trees weare beautifully decorated and a large number of presents distributed. In the Congregational and Baptist Churches, though no trees were provided, the children were collected and a large number of beautiful presents distributed.—Transcript.

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Christmas, 1873: The Christmas tree at the National Hotel in Nevada City on Christmas eve was a very beautiful and brilliant affair. It was a large tree and filled to its fullest capacity with costly and rich presents for young and old, rich and poor, short and tall. The Grand Ball at the National was also a great affair. The music was excellent and the dancers numerous. The magnificent supper was the very best ever spread in this city. The table was literally loaded down with luxuries. Messrs. Carr and Haskins, the latter person representing Mr. Gentry in his absence, deserve great credit for the entertainment given by them to their guests and fellow citizens.

W. J. Groves had on exhibition a beautiful tree at his house, from which he and his lady distributed presents to the young ladies and boys and the friends of the family and those residing in the neighborhood. The tree was a beautiful affair lit up with wax tapers.—Transcript.

Probation For Non Provider

NEVADA CITY: Raymond Blakely, who pleaded guilty a few days ago to failure to provide, was sentenced by Judge James Snell to a year's probation. He was ordered to pay his wife $120 per month for the next three months.

BLUETTE HEADS G. V. FIRE DEPARTMENT

GRASS VALLEY: Jack Bluette, who served as first assistant fire chief through 1948, has been elected chief for 1949. Out of 73 votes polled Saturday he won 53.

The posts of first and second assistants were to be decided on Tuesday evening at a meeting of the fire delegates. Two og the candidates, Harry Johns and Elton Williams, were tied in the balloting. Clare Hughes was elected captain of the first aid team.

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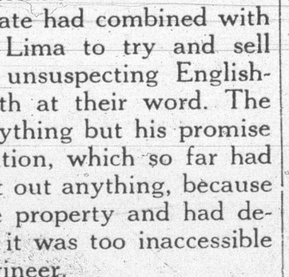

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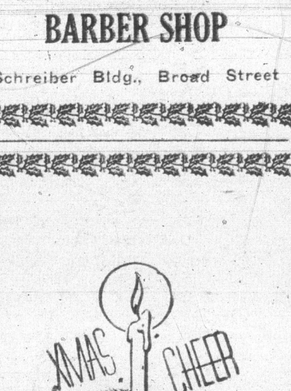

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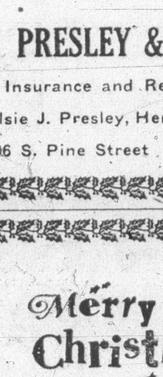
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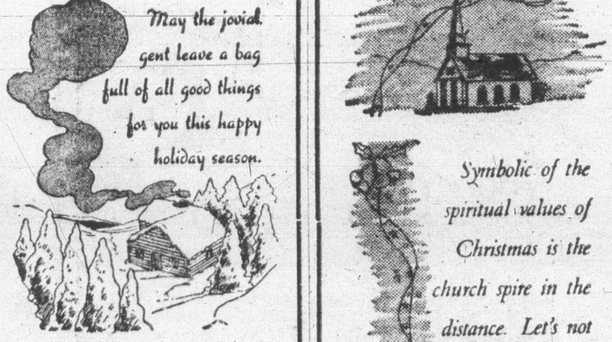

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† † Christmas is an old-fashioned holiday, a time for reliving childhood days and for recalling old times, old friends.

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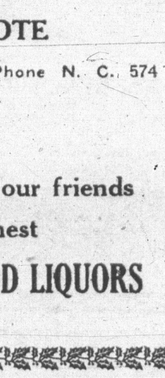
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